Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arts and cultural activities are major contributors to the quality of life in the Rapid City area, and the entire community benefits when they are nurtured; and,

Whereas, Many articles, benefactors, administrators, and others with outstanding contributions of vision, organizational skills, and talents are not adequately acknowledged and appreciated; and,

Whereas, The Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, through its Cultural Affairs Committee, wishes to recognize those who have created, developed, promoted, and funded these activities at the annual "Rushmore Honors Awards" program; and,

Whereas, Michael Edwards, Paul Goble, John Lopez, and DeAun West are preeminent examples of the vision, skills, and talents fundamental to the arts and cultural life of the Rapid City community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2008, as

RUSHMORE HONORS AWARDS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State